Supplementary Information

Self-assembled foam-like graphene networks formed by nucleate boiling

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Supplementary Figure S1 | AFM image of RGO



Supplementary Figure S2 | XPS peak deconvolution of GO, RGO and SFG



 $t = 0 \min$

 $t = 0.5 \min$

 $t = 5 \min$

Supplementary Figure S3 | **Surface wettability test on SFG** (a) Contact angle measurement : When a 10 μ L water droplet was loaded, it was absorbed into the pores of SFGs. (b) The dynamic observation of water droplet absorption into the SFG using E-SEM under the 30 °C and 0.6 bar. Water droplets were suddenly absorbed (see the red-dot circle).



Supplementary Figure S4 | Side-view HRSEM image of the 3-D SFG structure. (a) The thickness of SFG film and BGL. (b) The pore size of SFG film (25° tilt view).

(a) _^{2 mm}



(b) <u>5 mm</u>



Supplementary Figure S5 | High speed visualization and infrared radiography of bubble generation, growth, and departure (a) Triple line movement of the single bubble. (Black circle of 2^{nd} row images shows the triple line movement.) (b) Local vacancy during the bubbles coalescence. (white line between black circles)



Supplementary Figure 6 | A proposed mechanism of the SFG structure formation. (a) Mechanism of the BGL structure formation. (b) Mechanism of SFG seed formation.



Supplementary Figure 7 | An experimental evidence of BGL and SFG

formation mechanism. Observation of BGL and SFG formation process, which supports the proposed mechanism discussed in the text.



Supplementary Figure 8 | A simple schematic of SFG preparation process.



Supplementary Figure 9 | A nucleate boiling experimental facility. (a) The boiling experimental facility and a picture of bubbles formation on the silicon. (b) Silicondioxide heater with 25 x 20 mm. The backside of the heater was patterned with Pt material for the electrical joule heating.

Sample	Raman parameters		
	I _D	I _G	I_D/I_G
GO	0.88	1	0.88
RGO	1	0.86	1.16
SFG	1	0.70	1.43

Supplementary Table 2 | Raman parameters of GO, RGO and SFG